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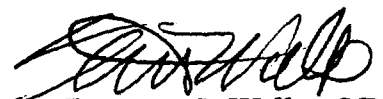
Dear Mr. Hundt:

I serve as President of the Board of Trustees, of a school district public library in Upstate New York. We have a busy facility with some 50,000 patrons using the library every month, and circulating over 600,000 items annually. Although the community values and supports the library well, our financial resources are stretched tightly. Yet in this exploding Information Age the pressure to continually do more for more people is ever-present.

Increased access through telecommunications is very important to us in meeting the interests and needs of our clientele. Thus, I appeal to you and your colleagues of the FCC to see that our libraries are provided with discounted telecommunications rates and other special services critical to our survival and customer service.

More people have library cards than credit cards; there are more public libraries than MacDonald's; more youngsters participate in library summer reading programs than in little league baseball - we are universal service providers. Please help us.

Sincerely,



Thomas J. Wells, OD

cc: Federal State Joint Board on Universal Service

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Sincerely,

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Director, Human Resources

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Dear Chairman Hundt:

RE: Telecommunications Act of 1996

On February 8, 1996 President Clinton signed into law the Telecommunications Act of 1996. This law presents an enormous opportunity to improve our schools by providing our children with access to the vast educational resources on the Information Superhighway.

For business to be competitive technological literacy is a prerequisite in the workplace. At Armco, Coshocton Operations, for example, we have high school graduates using technology to control processes so that we can provide a consistent quality of product that the customer demands.

Our company has teamed with Coshocton's BEST (Building Excellent Schools for Today & the 21st Century) with its mission being "...to enhance the quality of life, education, and opportunities for the citizens of Coshocton County."

In support of our schools we feel it is very important to provide our schools free access to telecommunication services that support instructional activities. Our schools are spending millions of dollars trying to stay up with the ever changing technology that is required in the world today. Our schools simply cannot afford to keep pace financially with these changes.

We ask for your support and thank you for giving young people the opportunity to develop skills they will undoubtedly need when entering the work force.

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Director, Human Resources

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# *Motion for Reconsideration*

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Mr. Terry L. Fishel  
Chief, Land Mobile Branch  
Federal Communications Commission  
1270 Fairfield Road  
Gettysburg, PA 17325-7245

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RE: Motion to Reconsider, WPIF818

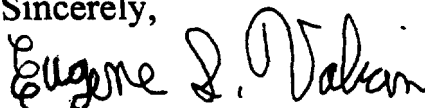
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Dear Mr. Fishel,

The rejection of my original "Waiver Request" is based on your statement that the Goodman/Chan licensees have "an additional four months, or a total of twelve months". This claim is not accurate and does not take into consideration the thousands of pre-1995 licenses that, after over three years, are still active and within their construction period. The construction period for these licenses has yet to be defined because of the FCC's inability to post to the Federal Register a notice that was approved over a year ago. This ruling which was originally designed to create equality by giving pre-1995 licenses a twelve month construction period has itself become the source of new disparity by the FCC's inability to complete this action.

The Commission has discriminated against post-1995 licensees by denying them the same right to an extended construction period as the pre-1995 licensees participating in the Goodman/Chan action. The Goodman/Chan licensees have a construction period that consists of the Posting in the Federal Register plus four months. Not the total of twelve months that you claim. We respectfully request the Commission to stop this discrimination and acknowledge that we have the same right to a construction period based on an extension from the publishing of the applicable notice in the Federal Register.

Sincerely,



Valian, Eugene S.

cc: H. Walker Feaster III, Office of Inspector General

FCC Chairman Reed Hundt

FCC Commissioners James Quello, Susan Ness, Rachelle Chong.

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Sincerely,

*Joan L. Lindstrom*

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RE: Common Carrier Docket #96-45

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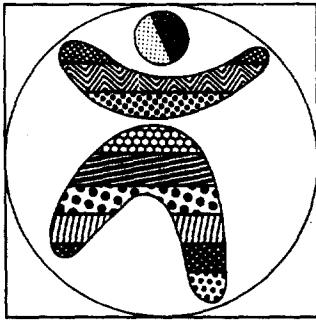
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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman  
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Washington, DC 200554

CC: Docket No. 96-45

Dear Chairman Hundt:

I serve as President of California Association of Private School Organizations (CAPSO). Our organization represents a large segment of private schools in California. I write in strong support of affordable and meaningful discounts for all schools and libraries so that every school child and life-long learner can have access to the world of information technology.

There is no doubt that advanced telecommunications services are important to improving learning. Affordable access to technology in all classrooms and libraries will assure that all children in both public, private and religious schools can connect with the technology needed to compete in today's and tomorrow's workforce.

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Sincerely,

Dean Dammann  
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Sincerely,

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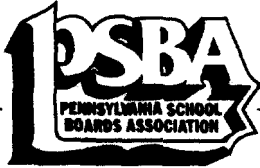
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

Earlier this year, Congress passed the historic Telecommunications Act which will have a great impact on public schools because it mandates the development of a discounted rate for education. On behalf of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, I am writing to express our strong support for development of such affordable and meaningful discounts.

As the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal-State Joint Board implement the universal service provision we ask you to ensure that telecommunications companies provide services to schools and libraries at significantly discounted rates. All schools and libraries need long-term discounts that are truly affordable, flexible and offer choice in determining which services best meet each communities needs. It is imperative that these services are linked directly into the classroom, lab and work station.

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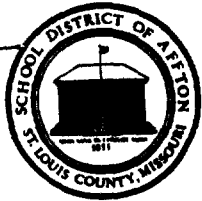
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*Leigh M. Barrett*  
Director of College Counseling

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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street NW Room 814  
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CC: Docket No 96-45

Dear Chairman Hundt:

I write in strong support of affordable and meaning discounts for all schools and libraries so that every school child and life-long learner can have access to the world of information technology. The passage of the Telecommunications Act earlier this year mandates the development of a rate for education or an "e-rate" to secure affordable rates reflecting the financial capability of this community.

There is no doubt that advanced telecommunications services are important to improving learning, sparking the imagination and leveling the playing field for all of this nation's people. Affordable access to technology in all classrooms and libraries will assure that our children and life-long learners can connect with the technology needed to compete in today's and tomorrow's workforce. Advance telecommunications services in the classroom will also create informed and skilled consumers of new technology well into the 21st century. We are a small District with limited funds, without appropriate discounts, or the ability to provide as complete a program for our students as needed.

As the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal-State Joint Board implement the universal serve provision I ask you to ensure that telecommunications companies provide services to schools and libraries at significantly discounted rates. It is imperative that these services are linked directly into the classroom, lab and work station.

I urge you to act upon this opportunity to bring the world of information to every school child and lifelong learner in America.

Sincerely,

Marcia McVey, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

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cc: Congressman David Dreier  
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The Honorable Reed E. Hundt, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street NW, Room 814  
Washington DC 20554

Re: CC DOCKET 96-45 UNIVERSAL SERVICE

Dear Chairman Hundt,

I am writing to request your strong support of discounted telecommunication rates for libraries and schools so that they can properly fulfill their role as universal service providers as authorized by the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Act is indicative of Congress recognizing the role of libraries in providing public access to the electronic information infrastructure and to ensure they were charged at discounted rates.

To properly meet the role of providing public access to electronic information, libraries must have the capacity for high bandwidth, interactive and visual applications. Meaningful discounts to the full range of telecommunications services available commercially will empower libraries to effectively serve their communities and schools.

I urge you to give serious attention to libraries and to the proposals they are making directly and jointly through the American Library Association.

Sincerely,



Dixie D. Adeniran

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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of Secretary

Dear Mr. Hundt:

I believe you will agree, it serves our national interest to have Americans as well informed as possible.

To serve this end I urge you to provide, free or very low telecommunication rates for public libraries and schools.

Yours for a better informed America,

Marvin H. Scilken, MLS

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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman  
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1919 M Street NW Room 814  
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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of Secretary

CC: Docket No. 96-45

Dear Chairman Hundt ( & State Public Utility Commissioner & Members of Congress):

I write in strong support of affordable and meaningful discounts for all schools and libraries so that every school child and life-long learner can have access to the world of information technology. The passage of the Telecommunications Act earlier this year mandates the development of a rate for education or an "e-rate" to secure affordable rates reflecting the financial capability of this community.

There is no doubt that advanced telecommunications services are important to improving learning, sparking the imagination and leveling the playing field for all of this nation's people. Affordable access to technology in all classrooms and libraries will assure that our children and life-long learners can connect with the technology needed to compete in today's and tomorrow's workforce. Advanced telecommunications services in the classroom will also create informed and skilled consumers of new technology well into the 21st century.

As the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal-State Joint Board implement the universal service provision I ask you to ensure that telecommunications companies provide services to schools and libraries at significantly discounted rates. All schools and libraries need long-term discounts that are truly affordable, flexible and offer choice in determining which services best meet each community's needs. It is imperative that these services are linked directly into the classroom, lab and work station.

I urge you to act upon this historic opportunity to bring the world of information to every school child and lifelong learner in America.

Sincerely,

*Agnes Ferreira*

A parent at St. John's Catholic School

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RE: Common Carrier Docket #96-45

Federal Communications Commission  
Office of Secretary

Dear Commissioner:

I support the passage of the special education rate or E-rate providing schools and libraries with a discounted rate for telecommunications.

There is no doubt that advanced telecommunications services are important to improving education, sparking the imagination and leveling the playing field for all of this nation's people. Affordable access to technology in all classrooms and libraries will assure that our children and life-long learners can connect with the technology needed to compete in today's and tomorrow's workforce.

All schools and libraries need long-term discounts that are truly affordable. They also need flexibility in determining which services best meet each community's needs. It is imperative that these services are linked directly to the classroom, lab and workstation.

I urge you to act upon this historic opportunity to bring the world of information to every school child and life-long learner in America.

Sincerely,

*Camille Melkonian*

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Federal Communications Commission  
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Reed Hundt  
Chairman  
Federal Communication Commission  
1919 M Street, N.W., Rm 814  
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RE: Support for "Universal Service"

Dear Chairman Hundt:

The passage of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and its mandate that the FCC make telecommunication services affordable to schools and libraries, provides the vital tools necessary for ensuring that all of our nation's children have access to the powerful new resources offered by the information age. Therefore, as the FCC develops its recommendations for implementation, we urge you to consider the interests of children by fulfilling the Act's intent related to "universal service."

We, at the Children's Partnership, a national nonprofit, nonpartisan organization whose mission is to inform leaders and the public about the needs of America's 70 million children, have long recognized the importance of the information revolution to the future and present lives of children. Through research and analysis for our multi-year study *America's Children and the Information Superhighway* we have found that:

- More than half of new jobs require some form of technology literacy.
- An estimated 60% of new jobs in the year 2000 will require skills possessed by only 22% of new workers.
- Workers with computer skills earn 10-15% more than workers without such skills.

However, with not all parents being able to afford a computer for their children and not all schools yet integrating technology into learning, a disturbing gap has been created between children who are prepared for information-era jobs and those who are not.

- For the 50 million children now in U.S. schools, only 9% of their classrooms have Internet access.
- While 82% of high school students from the most affluent homes have access to computers at home, only 14% of poorer high school students do.

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If our future work force is to have the skills it will need to succeed, action is needed now to ensure broad access to technology. Making telecommunications services affordable for schools, libraries and rural health clinics is the best method for creating that access.

As such, we are hopeful that the FCC will move this unique opportunity for children forward by:

- 1) Ensuring that "affordable" technology rates for classrooms and libraries are real and meaningful by creating **discounted** rates that are based upon a school or library's ability to pay and take into consideration the area (rural or high cost) in which the school or library is located.
- 2) Ensuring that the definition for connecting classrooms includes internal connections, in ways that are technology neutral. It is also important to offer the widest range of special services that include distance learning.

We urge you to act upon this historic opportunity for children and communities by implementing these recommendations and, thus, the Act's design for "universal service".

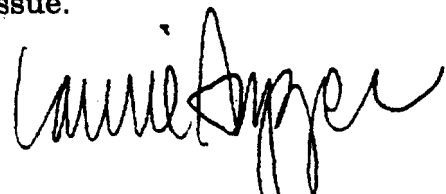
Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have. We have also enclosed our reports on children and the information superhighway should you need any further information.

We appreciate your consideration of this vital issue.

Sincerely,



Wendy Lazarus  
Director



Laurie Lippen  
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Enclosures

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I urge you to act upon this historic opportunity to bring the world of information to every school child and lifelong learner in America.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Edward A. Coldren". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Edward A. Coldren  
Principal

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